

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 17, 2008, has been reviewed in detail and the claims have been amended in the sincere effort to place the same in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 8, 9, 19, and 20 are allowed. Claims 1-7, 10-18 and 21-31 are rejected. Claims 1-7, 10-18 and 21-31 are canceled herein.

Applicants retain the right to pursue broader claims via a continuing application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Response to Arguments

The Examiner provided:

Applicant's arguments filed December 7, 2007, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

*The Examiner notes that Applicant provides no explicit definition of the precise nature and extent of the attraction exhibited by the claimed "attraction material." Further, the Examiner notes that the claims do not require that the attraction material "attracts CNTs out of solution at specific locations on the device substrate." Rather, the claims merely require deposition of an attraction material, wetting of the attraction material with CNT-containing solution, and adhesion of the CNTs to the attraction material. Bower teaches a material that, at some point after contact with a CNT-containing solution, anchors or retains CNTs. It is the Examiner's position that such an anchoring or retaining is a form of attraction not expressly excluded from the claim by either the language of the claim or the definition of the claim terminology presented in the specification. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).*

Applicant's assertions in Item 2, starting at page 13 of the remarks, are mere conjecture and are unsupported by any evidence of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner provided:

*Claims 1-7, 10-18, and 21-31, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under *Chen et al.* in view of *Bower et al.**

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These claims remain rejected as set forth under this heading in the prior Office action and as explained above.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner provided:

Claims 8, 9, 19, and 20, are allowed.

Claims 1-7, 10-18 and 21-31 are canceled herein.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, the Applicants submit that all pending claims (8, 9, 19 and 20) in the instant application are in condition for allowance (as previously indicated as allowable subject matter by the Examiner in the March 17, 2008 office action). The Applicants respectfully request an early action to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

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